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FROM
KINGSTONE ASSIZES.
WITH THE
TRYAL
AND
CONDEMNATION.

LAST SPEECH and CONFESSION of

SAMSON the Broker, who was Condemned and *Executed* for Killing a Woman with Child.

With an Account of his Life and Converſation.

As alſo

The Laſt Speech of one *COMES* a Horſe-Courſer, who was Executed for ſtealing of Horſes. Likewiſe one for ſtealing a Mare, and another for ſtealing thirty ſhillings.

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The Tryal and Condemnation, Laſt Speech and Confeſſion of Samſon *the* Broker, *&c.*

IN the Pariſh of St. *George Southwar k*, Lately Lived one *Samſon* a Broker, of whom I am to give you an Accompt.

Firſt, as to his Life and Converſation, He was a very wicked Liver, one that feared neither God nor the Devil; He was a great Extortioner, Swearer and Drunkard; but it was not for this that he ſuffered Death: but one ſin is an In-let to another, as it appears,

for, as Drunkenneſs is oftentimes the cauſe of Whoredom, ſo 'tis ſomtimes an Inlet to Murther: I have read of one that was tempted to lie with his Mother, or to kill his Father, or to be Drunk; He would by no means adhere to the firſt Act of Uncleanneſs; Neither would he yield to embrew his hand in the innocent blood of his Father; but the third in, *viz.* that of Drunkenneſs, he was overcome with; Satan then had prevailed with him to Lie with his Mother, and to kill his Father. Near to the like effect hath this Sin of Drunkenneſs had upon this miſerable *Samſon*, who being drunk, went to demand a Quarters Rent of a poor Tenant of his, that owed him Five ſhillings for a Quarters Rent, and had promiſed him the payment of it the *Saturday* was Fortnight after Quarter day: the Man being a poor Labouring Man, wanting Employment, could not raiſe the money againſt the time, and knowing what a cruel Landlord he had to deal withal, went out of the way, ordering his Wife to tell him if he came; That he ſhould have it the week following: The Day of Appointment being come, *Samſon* comes for his money, the poor Woman acquaints him with the Reaſon of Diſappointing him, deſired his Patience for another

another week, and she would see him faithfully paid; But fair words would not do with him because he was drunk, he therefore fals a swearing and cursing at the poor Woman, and from words he fell to blows, and with several strokes on the Breast did he wound her, that within three days she died of those wounds, and her Child within her: For which Crime he was carried before a Justice, and committed to the *Marshalsea*, where he was to have been Tried for his Life Last Assizes, but one of the Witnesses being sent out of the Way by him, he was kept till *Kingstone* Assizes, which began *July* 4. 1676. There he was Arraigned and Condemned for wilful Murther: He seemed to be very little concerned when Sentence was past upon him. Since his Condemnation several Ministers and good Christians were with him, to endeavour to make him sensible of the danger he was in, by reason of sin: They exhorted him to Repent, and seek for Mercy, and the Pardon of his Sins in the blood of Jesus Christ, but he was very careless and senseless of his eternal Concern, and did much think of a Reprieve: but was much mistaken.

For *July* 10 Orders were brought for his Execution, with the Rest of the Malefactors

that were condemned with him. He being brought to the Place of Execution, was Exhorted by the Miniſters to make an humble Confeſſion to God, and to Men, of his ſins. which he did in manner as followeth.

Samſons Laſt Speech and Confeſſion at the Place of Execution.

Good people and friends, I ſuppoſe many of you are come, Expecting to hear what I will ſay before I depart this Life.

I am here a Condemned Perſon, I confeſs I have deſerved Death, not only Temporal but Eternal: for I have been a great ſinner: I have been a great Swearer, and a great Drunkard and a Sabbathbreaker, and Laſcivious Perſon, I have broken all the Holy Commands of Almighty God: I pray lift up your hands and your hearts to God in Prayer for me.

The next that was Condemned and Executed of Note, was one *Comes* a Horſe-Courſer, Living for many years at *Heſſen* about three Miles from *Kingſton*. He was Condemned for ſtealing of Horſes, when he came to the place of Execution he ſaid little: *But that he was a great ſinner, and that he had wronged many,*

many, for which he was heartily ſorry, and he hop'd God would forgive him for Chriſts ſake. This ſe-Coulter hath been as Notorious a Theif as hath been Execu ed this many years: he ſaid himſelf, *That he had carried on his deſign as private as ever any did, and had ſtole a many Horſes as any Man: But he hoped all that ſee his Miſerable End, would take warning by him and fly thoſe ſins which had brought him to that Shamful end.*

With theſe two Notorious Malefactors were Executed two young Ones, one for ſtealing a Mare and breaking open a Houſe: He ſeemed to be the moſt penitent of them all. Deſired all to beg of God for him for Repentance and Faith in Chriſt, and ſo did the laſt in the ſame words, deſire the Prayer of all the ſtanders by. He was Executed for ſtealing Thirty Shillings. You may Learn by theſe ſad Examples the ill effects of ſin, which brings Shame here, and ſomtimes Death, and if God be not merciful to their ſouls, it will damn them to Eternity.

FINIS.